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MEMORANDUM

Office of Government Ethics

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Subject: Interpretation of Standards of Ethical Conduct for Government Officers and Employees, Executive Order No. 11222 -- Appearance of Impropriety

From: David H. Martin
Director

David H. Martin

To: Heads of Departments, Independent Agencies, Commissions and Government Corporations, Designated Agency Ethics Officials

In my recent testimony before a Senate oversight committee regarding the appearance of impropriety issue, I stated it was my intention, based on my personal views of the subject, to consider proposing amendments to Executive Order No. 11222. In order to avoid confusion regarding the appearance of impropriety proscriptions set forth in Executive Order No. 11222, as well as in the government-wide implementing regulations, 5 C.F.R. Part 735, you are advised to implement the Executive Order and the regulations consistent with your past interpretations. The standards set forth in the Order have not been changed.

I also wish to emphasize that your agency regulations implementing the Executive Order are to be uniformly applied to every officer and employee of your agency.